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SUBJECT: U.S. ARGENTINE MOU FOR COLLABORATION IN HEALTH SCIENCES

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1. NEITHER DR. LEON NOR FONMINISTRY TREATY DEPT CHIEF DRA. FREIRE HAD ANY PROBLEM WITH CHANGE PROPOSED BY DEPT. TO ARTICLE IV, ITEM 2 (PER PARA 1 REFTEL). THEY ALSO HAD NO OBJECTION TO SIGNING BEING ACCOMPLISHED IN BUENOS AIRES SOMETIME AFTER PAHO MEETING.

2. DRA. FREIRE IS INVESTIGATING MATTER OF WHO SHOULD SIGN FOR ARGENTINA. SHE SEEMS THINK UNDER ARGENTINE LAW MOSW MAY NOT RPT NOT BE AUTHORIZED SIGN SUCH AN INSTRUMENT (THOUGH RECOGNIZING IT IS NOT A TREATY) AND THAT IT MIGHT INSTEAD BE UP TO FOREIGN MINISTER TO SIGN. IN ANY CASE, SHE CERTAIN SOMEONE WILL BE PREPARED TO SIGN.

3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM HEALTH SECRETARIAT THAT, AT LAST MINUTE, PUBLIC HEALTH SECRETARY CASAVILLA WAS UNABLE TO MAKE TRIP TO WASHINGTON AND THAT EX-SECRETARY PEDRO ROLAN YANEZ WENT TO PAHO MEETING IN HIS STEAD. WE WERE NOT GIVEN REASON FOR SWITCH, BUT SURMISE THAT IT WAS PROBABLY PRESS OF URGENT MATTERS HERE, E.G. THE STRIKE OF DOCTORS AGAINST THE SECRETARIAT WHICH IS ENTERING ITS SECOND WEEK.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN RUMORS THAT SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER EMERY MAY NOT HOLD THAT JOB TOO MUCH LONGER (E.G. BUENOS AIRES 6264),
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WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN OF CASAVILLA'S TENURE EITHER. BEST

MOMENT FOR SIGNING HENCE APPEARS TO BE SOME TIME OFF, BUT
WE WILL BE ALERT TO ACCOMPLISH AT RIGHT MOMENT.
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